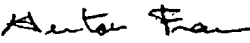


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the phone interviews conducted on September 22 and October 6, 2005 and the telephonic communication of February 7, 2006. Based upon this communication, it appears that the response faxed to the USPTO centralized facsimile number on November 10, 2005, was improperly scanned whereby some pages were partially blank. The Examiner further noted that the response must explain how the new claims avoid the cited references or distinguish from them. The substance of those interviews and the telephonic communication has been incorporated into this response.

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2005 and the Non-responsive amendment mailed February 3, 2006, please reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.